

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, December 19, 2012
The Utility Board met at Rushville City Utilities Office @ 5:00 P.M.

Michael Singleton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Michael Singleton

Phillip Starkey

Tim Sheehan

Greg Coffin

Brian Bess was absent

Others present:

Les Day Facility Manager

Gina Jenkins Office Manager

Michael Pavey Mayor

Steve Gress Donohue & Associates

Phillip Starkey motioned to approve the board minutes from the November 21, 2012 meeting. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day discussed the Utility Report and gave each Board member a copy of the Leak Detection report to review. The leak at 5th and Arthur Street has been repaired and the leak at the Rushville Manufacturing Mall has been fixed by the owner. There are hydrant and main leaks that still need to be repaired. The Rushville City Utilities employees are going to be fixing the main leaks first and then they will start repairing the hydrants. Les will write a letter of recommendation to Alliance Rural Water thanking them for their employee's assistance in finding the leaks. The Board members told Les that they would also like to sign the letter to show their appreciation.

Steve Gress from Donohue & Associates was present at the meeting. Steve presented the Board members and Mayor Pavey with Amendment #1 of the existing agreement between Donohue & Associates and Rushville City Utilities for the CSO Treatment Plant. The Amendment is for the Design Plan and will need to be signed before moving forward.

Michael Singleton asked if it would be possible to cut some of the small projects out of the plan and pay for them out of the Utilities' Depreciation fund to help lower the money that will have to be financed for this project. Michael said that he would like to lower the cost of a rate increase that the Utilities' customers would incur due to this project.

Mayor Pavey said that he feels that Donohue & Associates need to be responsible for putting information together so that the City of Rushville and City Utilities can educate the public about this upcoming project as much as possible.

Phil Starkey motioned to approve moving forward with the Design phase of the project as stated in Amendment #1. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day told everyone that the interest rate to finance this project is actually lower than originally thought. The interest rate will actually be 2%. Also, Les said that he is looking into cutting costs for the 16th Street project by bidding some of the work out to local contractors instead of using contractors hired by INDOT.

Mayor Pavey requested that City Utilities pay the City of Rushville the PILOT money that had been budgeted for 2012. The payments would be \$24,996.00 from Water and also \$24,996.00 from Wastewater. There was no need to approve this request by the Board members since they had already approved this money being put in the 2012 budget.

Les told everyone that the State Road 52 project is back on. The scope of the reconstruction will be from Hodge's Branch to Main Street. City Utilities has already made payments of \$45,000 towards the 10% share of the project that is required. Les said that there will be \$75,000.00 still due from City Utilities to cover the rest of the project.

Les told the Board members that beginning January 2013 he is going to use Aramark for the uniform rentals. Les said that there will be a \$50.00 cost savings per week by switching to Aramark.

Phil Starkey checked the claims for the month. Phil motioned to approve the claims. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that he had received notice from Badell & Wilson for a claim from Rene Partin who is claiming that she had broken her foot by stepping into a storm sewer that was not visible because it was covered up by leaves. Mayor Pavey said that he had also received the notice concerning the claim.

Geoff Wesling was ill and not present at the meeting but he had requested his associate to be present in his place. Geoff wanted the Board members to be aware that to continue with the foreclosure process against Steve Mohler, he will have to do a title search. He is requesting that City Utilities pay the fee to have the title search done. The Board members agreed to pay the fee and asked that Geoff send an invoice or information to City Utilities for the cost of the search.

Tim Sheehan motioned to adjourn. Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 16, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.